

DISCUSSION OF THE REFERENCES

A. Sweeny:

Sweeny is a physical therapy machine having a motorized leg, arm, and head support members. The Sweeny device is illustrative of the physical therapy art. Sweeny is similar to the instant device in that it has a motorized, assisted means to exercise atrophied muscles.

B. Hickman:

Hickman is a motorized power walker for use by disabled persons in a standing position. Hickman is of general interest in that it has an electric motor and a switch connected to the motor through a control circuit. Hickman generally shows the state of the therapy art as it relates to motorized equipment.

C. Lin:

Lin discloses an exercise tricycle in which the user may use his hands to pull ropes to actuate the forward motion of the device. Lin does not disclose or teach a motorized tricycle connected to the pedals to exercise atrophied muscles.

D. Aalto:

Aalto discloses an exercise bicycle having horizontally adjustable handle bars and seat. Aalto is of general interest as it relates to the horizontal adjustability of the seat and handle bars.

E. Forcillo:

Forcillo discloses a different means to adjust the seat in a horizontal direction. Forcillo is of general interest in that it discloses a horizontal adjusting seat means.